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Dear Individuals with Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and their Families:

The Utah Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Board, in conjunction with Center for Persons with Disabilities, Utah State University, is updating the Utah State Traumatic Brain Injury Plan that supports the development of a comprehensive, coordinated system of care for individuals with Traumatic Brain Injury and family members.

The Center for Persons with Disabilities is randomly sampling individuals and their families that have been treated at hospitals across the state for Traumatic Brain Injury and asking them to complete a *Traumatic Brain Injury Needs Assessment*. You are under no obligation to participate but we believe your input to the survey is critical in evaluating the current TBI needs across the state. This information has the potential to improve services for individuals with TBI and their families.

The Advisory Board needs information from you to complete this effort. The enclosed surveys are the first step. The individual with the TBI should complete the survey titled "TBI Needs Assessment- Individual with TBI" with or without help of another person. The survey "TBI Needs Assessment- Family/Significant Other" should be completed by the spouse, family members, caregivers, significant other of the individual with TBI. All information is confidential and no personally identifiable information is on either of the needs assessments.

Please return the completed survey(s) by **mail** to:

TBI Advisory Board Attn: Breanne Berg Division of Services for People with Disabilities 120 North 200 West #411 Salt Lake City, UT 84103

Or FAX to 801 538-4279

The information will be compiled and made available for public review.

Thank you for your assistance with this very important project.

Sincerely,

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